

GLORIA



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Dear Friends,

It is always difficult to send a letter which has to go out during Lent, but which is also an Easter greeting and celebration. Early this year, though, I did see a simple solution. It was an advertisement at our local Sainsbury's, saying. "It's the chocolate egg season! This year, from January 6 to April 4!" Right, that's it; we start celebrating Easter on Epiphany, go through to Easter Day, then stop and find something else to celebrate. In a sense, that is what we do with Christmas, and it works quite well. Advent can reasonably be joyful anticipation as we think about the coming of Christ. Can we do that with Easter too?

As you'll all expect, I'm going to give a firm "No!" to that one! Easter is not something we joyfully expect from Epiphany on. Easter is something whose joy is only meaningful if we appreciate the huge cost of it, and I'm not talking about the price of eggs! We have to have Lent first; we have to go on a journey, one that encounters suffering and death. Resurrection and new life are meaningless without death, in this case, a death taken on by Jesus on our behalf, not his own.

One of the four(!) Lent groups I'm dipping in and out of this year has "journey" as its theme. Wonderfully timed, the first lecture in the series we are having at the Grassmarket Community Project on "Identity" was by the human ecologist Alastair McIntosh, whose entire lecture was an account of a journey on foot from the south end of Harris to the Butt of Lewis – about 100 miles as he did it. On this journey, much of which was in places he had known as a child, he met many people, had many experiences of every sort, and dreamed many dreams. At the end, he came to a point where in ancient times, it had been the custom to offer a libation in ale to a god of the sea. Sadly, he had none with him, nor could he obtain any. But then, there in front of him on the strand appeared the familiar orange and blue tin of what calls itself "Scotland's other national beverage", and it was unopened. In great delight, he opened it and joyfully scattered its contents into the wind! Of course, it was a hilarious end to a talk, but it was also a wonderful symbol of resurrection. He had made his journey, and we with him, and we could then share in the delight of his new life.

Let us all continue to travel together for what remains of this Lent, and come to the joy of our Risen Lord, when those chocolate eggs really do come into season!

With Love,

Bob

From the Vestry.

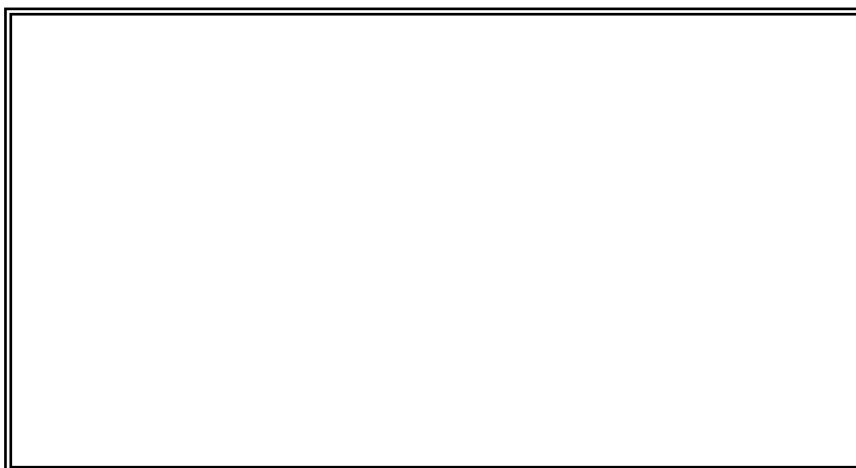
How nice it was to have Judith, our new Rector, and her husband David, with us over the last weekend in February. They will be moving to Haddington on Tuesday 4th May. Judith's Institution will be on Monday 10th May at (probably) 7.00pm in Holy Trinity followed by refreshments in the Trinity Centre. As well as Lent, Holy Week and Easter, the move and all their goodbyes, Judith and David are travelling to Australia in the 'in between' time to see their daughter Sally (whom they haven't seen since she emigrated a year last Christmas).

Judith tells us a little bit about herself in an article to be found elsewhere in this issue of *Gloria*.

I hope those of you who are able will come to Holy Trinity on Sunday 2nd May when we can all convey our immense gratitude to Janet (for her thirty years at Holy Trinity) and to Bob (for being our Interim Rector for the last two years).

John Elcock.

Chair of Vestry



Edinburgh 1910-2010 - 200 years of Mission and Theology

Bishop Brian organised two meetings to start us off thinking about the big observance this year of the centenary of the great Missionary Conference in Edinburgh in 1910, which was, among other things the real start of the ecumenical movement. This will be a brief introduction to two excellent meetings; for greater detail, have a look in *The Edge*, which, as a regular correspondent, I'd like you to read anyway!

The meetings were here in our beautiful church and hall at Holy Trinity Haddington, with several willing volunteers (the usual suspects?) who, among other virtues, make some of the best soup in the diocese! Both sessions opened with a short act of worship, led by our Lay Readers, Janet McKinnell and Sari Salvesen, and were followed by an introductory talk by Bishop Brian. Both sessions were punctuated by getting us going in a small buzz group, then a larger group discussion and finally a lively plenary session.

In the first session, we looked back over a century, about half of which was very familiar to many of us. Bishop Brian divided the period into four quarter centuries, and outlined major trends in theology over those. I was certainly very grateful a study group a few years ago on Macquarrie's *Twentieth Century Religious Thought* – I actually recognized many of the names! He characterized the successive periods as those of apologetic, reductionist, pluralist and experiential, leading to a period where mission of all sorts is now from everywhere to everywhere, and the orthodoxies and orthopraxies have developed into an “orthopneumatism” where what is important is to be right in spirit.

He was followed by Larry Hurtado of New College on a century of Christian Studies, with emphasis on the Bible. The optimism of the beginning of the twentieth century was knocked hard by the Great War, and the neo-orthodoxy of the twenties and thirties upset by the Second War. The enormous effect on biblical studies of the liberalization of the Roman Catholic Church, feminism, liberation theology, post-colonialism, neo-imperialism, and fundamentalism was emphasized, with their many conflicting results.

The afternoon session was the most colourful of the talks: the illustrated talk by Jolyon Mitchell, also from New College, on the Church and Film. He put up a number of representations of Jesus in film, and, fortunately, we had enough film buffs present to identify them all! Again, he identified a number of periods, as the church, initially strongly opposed to the medium, came to interact with it, first in very limited ways, and later not only showing Jesus in many ways, but portraying faith with great intensity. This talk is one which would appeal to many, and I would think that groups interested in film should try to book Jolyon!

The second session, three weeks later, was, of course, a lot less definite. Everyone was aware that Europe had changed utterly and unpredictably within 10 years of 1910, and might well do so again! So the next century was, in practice, that very useful period, the “foreseeable future”, and the speakers did their best to extrapolate present trends! In his introduction, Bishop Brian gave three ever present qualities: excitement, warning, and surprise. As examples of these in the 20th century, he instanced Marxism, existentialism and feminism. Looking to the future, he associated these qualities with bioethics, the environment and fundamentalism. In facing up to the pluralism of modern society, he took the Holy Trinity, particularly instancing Christ’s prayers in Gethsemane, as showing pluralism in God.

Duncan Maclaren, the Rector of St James the Less, Leith, reminded us of the futility of much prediction – particularly using the common assumption that growth and decay are linear processes – and that history tends to be surprising. He spoke of three types of secularism: the “atheist chorus” of Dawkins and associates, ideological secularism, suspicious of any philosophy (including atheism), and the secularised society, in which a tolerant pluralism can help us grow and develop.

Paul Little, a Church Army Captain working in Newcastleton, used the image of the “Christmas miracle” of 1914 to encourage us to get out of the trenches and play football. His experience with “Mission-shaped Church ” had been very positive in that “decline” is a local problem, waiting for each one of us to do something about it and refuse to accept defeat. In a society where Sunday is increasingly filled with activity, we must be more flexible, and getting our actions right by remembering that the priority is “being, not doing”.

The final talk was by Ann Dyer, of Cranmer Hall, Durham., on spirituality for the future. A key feature is that we must “live simply that others may simply live. She made very effective use of works of art, ranging over the quiet intensity of Velasquez’ *Water Seller of Seville*, the gentleness of Millet’s *Angelus*, to a strikingly modern bronze *Resurrection*. She noted that the Church was no longer looked to for physical care as in the past, but is needed for the huge increase in interest in spirituality. She concluded with the Breton fisherman’s prayer, “Dear Lord, be good to me, thy sea is so great and my boat is so small.”

It was a very good pair of days, and though we didn’t probe very far into the future, we were given hope and ideas for stepping boldly into it!

Bob Gould

OUR GROUNDS

I hope you notice the difference the concentrated effort of the seven stalwarts made to the drive way at the church on Sat 7 March. Their combined ages was almost 500 years. We are particularly indebted to the girls, Margaret Alder and Rosemary Plumb who showed the chaps how to shovel and barrow so effortlessly. Unfortunately the organizer forgot the milk so there was no tea, but in any case we had finished by 10.30. The “many hands” theory worked well as usual.

Particular thanks to farmer Robert Tait from Nether Hailes who delivered the gravel and to Markle quarry who donated the stones to us. The farmer’s hand was greased and a thank you letter has gone to the manager at the quarry.

Peter Green



PREPARE YOURSELF FOR THE ARRIVAL AND SETTLING-IN OF OUR NEW RECTOR

We are all keen to meet and to get to know our new Rector. I know the date for the Installation will already be in your diary. The best preparation during the month of April is for each of us to read and remind ourselves of the wise words in the little leaflet “The Pastor as Newcomer” If you do not have a copy from the Charis campaign, there is one on our bookshelf or Davina may be able to help you find one.

Peter Green, Rector’s Warden



Trinity Centre Film Club

Thursday, 1st April 2010

At 2.00pm

“Julie and Julia” is a recently released film about the attempts of 30 year old blogger, Julie, to cook, in 1 year, all 400 recipes in a book written by Julia Childs 50 years ago. Starring Meryl Streep and Amy Adams

Followed by Tea, biscuits and chat.

A CHURCH FOR ALL AGES

Then he took a child and had him stand in front of them. He put his arms around him and said to them, "Whoever welcomes in my name one of these children, welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me, welcomes not only me but also the one who sent me."

Mark

9:36-37

"When Jesus welcomed children to listen to him and spend time with him, the Gospels don't suggest that he was either simply baby-sitting or keeping them amused on the off-chance that they might be useful members of the Church later on. On the contrary, he speaks of his 'little followers', 'little ones who believe in me'. And our engagement, as not-so-little followers, with children has to be equally serious, equally a matter of shared life, not patronizing control."

+Rowan Williams

We welcome you.

We will care for you.

We will share our faith with you."

From our baptism liturgy

There are a number of references within the Gospels of Jesus welcoming children, like the one from Mark 9, above, but they do not provide much guidance on how he ministered to children and encouraged them.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has perhaps set us all the challenge to question our engagement and recognise the need to think through how we can pass on the Good News to subsequent generations and sustain our Church. At a Baptism, as a congregation, we make certain promises to the child baptised and it is from these three statements that we can start to question: (i) How do we welcome them? (ii) How do we care for them? (iii) How do we share our faith with them?

We have now started our journey as a Church for All Ages to explore what Christian welcoming is, in the context of children and young people. A small working party has been set-up with the aim of providing a sense of belonging to the church community as a whole to all ages in the congregation. To achieve this goal we have recognised the need for change, not only in the way we 'conduct' Sunday School or 'entertain' young children during the Family Service, but you may have also noticed the All Age Programme that has been running successfully on the first Sunday of the month.

In discussing these questions, forming a common understanding and recognising that there are no right or wrong answers to these questions, we are challenged in our response by whether we are willing to change and how much

commitment we are able to make. We are conscious that change requires more than a few interested parties, but is in fact cultural involving the whole congregation.

Our working party has been meeting regularly with the Diocesan Youth and Children's Officer, and these meetings are not only proving to be transformative for ourselves, but should be enriching for the whole congregation, such that we all benefit in new and unexpected ways.

A Shared Vision

To move forward we need a consensus and realistic goals based on what we believe we can change and indeed what we are willing to change. We are trying to devise a portrait of where we are, and how we would like our Church to be. We can describe the sort of activities which take place at the moment, the types of service we share, how the church is used, etc. But we do **need your help** to identify the sort of activities that might take place, what type of services there might be, how the church could be used, and how people could learn about God, in our vision for the future.

We would very much **welcome your views** on what, if anything, you feel we should focus on in terms of: Attitudes, Training, Liturgy, Resources, Safety, Property, and what you believe might be the benefits and perceived difficulties in changing these things.

It is recognised that perhaps some things are non-negotiable, e.g. the Eucharist, the choice of hymns, the language / liturgy and your views would be appreciated to help set realistic expectations about **what we should try and achieve** and also understand the difficulties that we might encounter.

Spot the difference

We are trying a number of new ideas such as the All Ages Programme and my general impression is that this has been successful. I have embarked on CORE Training Sessions for Children's Ministry based on the curriculum training resources provided by Barnabas

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Publishing, and am reviewing currently the resources available in the Diocesan Youth Office covering a variety of books, CDs, DVDs, Godly Play and on-line resources.

If we can visualise what if any changes we would like to make, perhaps in terms of:

- the activities that might take place,
- what other services might there be,
- where might the children be placed if they were to be grouped together,
- what might be the benefits to the church in terms of learning, charitable concerns, environmental concerns etc.
- what might look different or be conducted differently,
- what 'extra curricular' activities might be planned and scheduled,
- what might be the 'spin off' benefits for the church in terms of the local community,
- how might the liturgy/hymns be different?

Then based on our appraisal of the current position, we are best placed to plan how we might get there. It is important that we learn from the past and consider the initiatives and ideas our church has employed to attract All Ages of people (say) in the last ten years, and what level of success we have had.

You are the difference

This article has raised lots of questions and the working party would welcome your responses. We recognise we need to listen harder, be inventive, and imaginative in our approach to all.

All of us belong to the church community as a whole and these connections reach across all ages in the congregation. Please get in touch if you would like to contribute to our discussions and reflections so that we can shine a brighter light on the pathway ahead.

David Hinley

A letter from Judith Walker-Hutchinson To the Congregation of Holy Trinity

I was born in County Durham, daughter of Peter, a merchant sea captain, which meant we returned to the North East via the convoluted route of Glasgow (briefly), the Wirral and Mombasa. I'm married to David and we have four children, David, Sally, Victoria and Jon-James. David and Victoria live in County Durham, Sally in Brisbane. JJ is the only one still technically living at home although student life in York seems to be far more attractive. The youngest members of the family are granddaughter Grace and grandson Alfie.

I trained for ministry at Cranmer Hall, Durham working ecumenically with Ushaw seminary and the Wesley Study Centre. I am immensely grateful to the Warden and tutors for their wisdom and nurture during the breaking and rebuilding that is priestly formation. Being taught by such gifted theologians kindled in me a love of theological study. This combined with a contemplative spirituality and a passion for Christ and His people, means I live my Rule of life following the Dominican motto 'To contemplate and to give to others the things contemplated for their salvation.'

For the last three years I have served in Penhill, a rural, four parish, seven church benefice spread across a large swathe of central Wensleydale. Ministry there has been diverse, often demanding and always a gift of grace. It has been a privilege to serve God's people in this beautiful place, they have enriched me both ministerially and personally. I shall miss them as much as I am looking forward to serving the people of Holy Trinity.

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Daily Eucharistic Readings

APRIL

1st Maundy Thur, John 13 1-17
2nd Good Fri, John 18 1-19, 42
3rd Holy Sat, John 19 38-42

5th Matthew 28 8-15
6th John 20 11-18
7th Luke 24 13-35
8th Luke 24 36b-48
9th John 21 1-14
10th Mark 16 9-15

12th John 3 1-8
13th John 3 7-15
14th John 3 16-21
15th John 3 31-36
16th John 6 1-15
17th John 6 16-21

19th John 6 22-29
20th John 6 30-35
21st John 6 35-40
22nd John 6 44-51
23rd John 6 52-59
24th John 6 60-69

28th John 10 1-10
29th John 10 22-30
30th John 12 44-50

MAY

1st Sts Philip and James
John 14 1-14

Sunday Lectionary readings

APRIL

4th Easter Day Acts 10 34-43, 1 Corinthians 15 1-11,
Luke 24 1-12

11th Easter 2 Acts 5 27-32, Revelation 1 4-8 ,
John 20 19-31

18th Easter 3 Acts 9 1-6 (7-20), Revelation 5 11-14,
John 21 1-19

A HUG

Feels good

Is portable

Dispels loneliness

Overcomes fears

Builds self esteem

Affirms physical being

Slows down ageing, huggers stay younger longer

Is ecologically sound, does not upset the environment

Keeps arms and shoulder muscles in condition

Is democratic, anyone is eligible for a hug

Makes impossible days possible

Makes happier days happier

A hug makes You feel good all day

Join us for
Holy Week and Easter at Holy Trinity

March

28 Palm Sunday	08.30	Eucharist and Blessing of Palms
	10.00	Eucharist with Passion Reading
	18.00	Stainer's Crucifixion (St Mary's)
29 Monday	10.00	Holy Communion
	19.30	"My House ... "
30 Tuesday	10.00	Holy Communion
	19.30	Evening Worship (West Church)
31 Wednesday	10.00	Eucharist
	19.30	Stations of the Cross (St Mary's)

April

1 Maundy Thursday	18.30	Passover Meal and Eucharist (Trinity Centre)
2 Good Friday	11.45	Walk of Witness (from West Kirk)
	19.30	Music and Readings
4 Easter Day	08.30	Eucharist
	10.00	All Age Eucharist, Egg Hunt & Lunch

*Please contact the Ministry Team
if you would like Home Communion
ALL WELCOME*

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DEADLINES... You can greatly assist the production process by submitting information and articles as soon as possible and not waiting for the deadline.

The deadline for the May issue
is **Sunday 11th APRIL 2010**

Please send all material to Wendy:
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ROTAS

April	COFFEE AND TEA	
4th	Effie Bowman	Mary Wallace
11th	Felicity Mackenzie	Wyn Williamson
18th	Margaret Fairbairn	Julian Tennant
25th	Diana Dee	Cindy Sykes
	FLOWERS	
3rd	All helpers welcome to decorate the church	
	From 10.00am onwards.	
10th	Margaret Wastie	Margaret Glass
17th	As above	
24th	Aileen Lamb	Rosemary Plumb
May 1st	As above	
	READERS	
4th	Easter Day. To be arranged	
11th	Christopher Stevens, Margaret Fairbairn, Mary Wallace	
18th	John Elcock, Margaret Wastie, Effie Bowman	
25th	Sandy Wilkinson, Judith Wilkinson, Vicky Fletcher	

More dates for the diary:

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, see Holy Week block

APRIL

**4th Easter Day 10.00am followed by
Soup and pudding lunch**

6th Vestry Meeting 7.30pm

17th Church "Spring Clean"

Looking ahead.

**May 2nd Bob Gould and Janet McKinnell: Last Sunday
with us as members of the Ministry Team.**

All Age Worship followed by Soup and Pudding lunch

**May 10th, (Monday) Bishop Brian installs Judith Walker
as our Rector**

WEEKLY SERVICE TIMES

Sundays	Eucharist	8.30am
	Family Eucharist	10.00am
	Eucharist	11.45am*
	<i>*(First Sunday of the month only)</i>	
	Evening Prayer	6.00pm
Wednesdays	Eucharist	10.00am